GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER MPLADS
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of non-utilisation of funds allocated under Member of Parliament LocalArea Development Scheme (MPLADS) by some of the MPs;

(b) if so, the total amount which remained unspent/unutilised during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether some of the Collectors kept the funds under MPLADSin Current Accounts with banks resulting loss of interest to the Exchequer;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether works have not been executed in some cases even after sanction of works and issue of Administrative approvals;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(g) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure strict compliance of the guidelines issued for utilisation of funds under MPLADS?

Answer

MINISTERO FSTATE(INDEPENDENTCHARGE)I NT H EMINISTRYOF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMI IMPLEMENTATION(SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information received from the District Heads about Rs.1796 crores, Rs.2445 crores and Rs.2410crores remained unutilised as on 31.03.2000, 31.03.2001 and 31.01.2002 respectively under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme. Statements indicating the funds released by the Government of India, expenditure incurred, unspent balances and percentage utilisation over release under the Scheme on the above dates, State- wise, are enclosed.

(c)&(d): All the District Heads have been advised to keep funds of the Scheme in Savings Bank Accounts only in a Nationalised Bank.

(e)&(f): Works under the Scheme are taken up on recommendations of the Members of Parliament and are implemented bythe District Heads following the established procedure of the concerned State. This is an ongoing and continuous process. The details of works sanctioned, implemented and under execution are available at District Headquarters.

(g) From time to time State Governments/District Heads are advised to strictly observe the Guidelines on the Scheme.